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CANADA'S NEW GOVERNMENT AND ALBERTA SIGN ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH CALGARY HEALTH REGION

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CALGARY, AB (April 4, 2007) - Canada's New Government and the Province of Alberta today signed a partnership agreement with Calgary Health Region to promote career and employment opportunities for Aboriginal people.

The agreement was signed by Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Trade and to the Minister of International Cooperation, on behalf of the Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians; Harvey Cenaiko, Alberta Member of the Legislative Assembly for Calgary-Buffalo and Jack Davis, president and chief executive officer for Calgary Health Region, one of the largest fully integrated, publicly-funded health care systems in Canada.

The agreement commits the parties to working with the Aboriginal community to recruit and retain Aboriginal employees and provide educational and training opportunities in the area of health care.

The agreement is part of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada's Aboriginal Workforce Participation Initiative, which promotes the participation of all Aboriginal peoples – First Nations, Métis and Inuit – in the labour market.

"To promote meaningful participation of Aboriginal people in the workforce, Canada's New Government is proud to be partnering with some of Canada's leading companies, public agencies, industry, professional and labour groups," said Mr. Menzies on behalf of Minister Prentice. "By signing this agreement, we are working to ensure that employers can recruit, retain and promote Aboriginal employees."

"Critical skill and labour shortages exist in many health-care occupations in Alberta and Aboriginal people can help fill those gaps", said MLA, Harvey Cenaiko. "Partnerships such as this are vital to ensuring the full participation of Aboriginal people in Alberta's thriving economy."

"Recruiting, developing and retaining health care workers are one of Calgary Health Region's most important priorities. We are proud to participate in this unique partnership," said Davis.

These types of partnership agreements can help Aboriginal people gain greater access to the labour market and improve their quality of life by enhancing employment and training opportunities.

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